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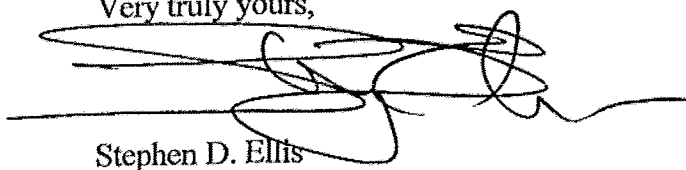
RE: Knapik v. Mary Hitchcock Memorial Hospital
VT No. 2:12-cv-00175-cr

Dear Norm:

We represent the individual identified as “the other resident” in the Amended Verified Complaint in this matter. A number of the factual allegations of the Amended Verified Complaint are false and potentially actionable. Our client’s written and board scores were the best in her class, and our client had the support of a number of well-respected surgeons. Our client was not placed on probation and did not submit false documentation to the institution or state. Dr. Knapik was not given a copy of the alleged letter, which did not reference any alleged “probation” in any event. Rather, it appears that Dr. Knapik unlawfully accessed our client’s email account without authorization and sent a copy to herself in March 2011, and then, 14 months later, published the letter in a malicious attempt to sabotage our client’s career after a dispute over call schedules. The allegations of the Verified Amended Complaint appear to be a continuation of Dr. Knapik’s malicious campaign.

Demand is hereby made that Dr. Knapik and all persons acting on her behalf or in concert with her cease and desist immediately from repeating these and any other defamatory statements regarding our client, and our client reserves the right to seek appropriate redress for any harm caused by Dr. Knapik’s malicious conduct.

Very truly yours,



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